

MAMMOTH COAL BED.

Near Wilkesbarre Veins of Fabulous Value Were Found.

Estimated That There Is Enough Anthracite There to Keep 6,000 Men Employed for 200 Years—Valued at \$1,000,000,000.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., April 14.—A mammoth bed of coal has been discovered just south of this city by the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre and the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western coal companies, after the completion of two core holes of 2,300 feet. Eleven veins supposed to be located there at an unusual depth were found, but above them eight veins never before found in the upper coal fields were discovered. These run from 4 to 11 feet in thickness, while far beneath them was found a branch of the famous mammoth vein of the Hazleton region, averaging 32 feet in thickness and divided into three benches, which will make the mining easier than if the thickness was sheer.

It is roughly estimated that the thickness of the veins aggregates 150 feet and that the whole contains about 300,000,000 tons of coal. One of the officers engaged in the boring said: "There is enough coal there, as indicated by the drill, to keep a large force of men working for 200 years." An expert estimates that the force required will be about 6,000 men for that period, and that the present market value of the large bed is the great sum of \$1,000,000,000. At the present cost of production the miners who produce this coal will get about half the market value.

Pronounced Black Smallpox.

Topeka, Kan., April 14.—Dr. Charles Lowry, secretary of the state board of health, has gone to Rice county to investigate the report that several railroad laborers are victims of the bubonic plague. A tramp hired to work with a section gang recently started a disease which quickly killed nine. The surrounding territory is in strict quarantine. One physician pronounces the plague black smallpox. Every case has proven fatal.

A Halt in Packing Combine.

New York, April 14.—According to interests in close touch with the National Packing company no attempt will be made to perfect the big packing combine until the Northern Securities case is disposed of. A prominent corporation lawyer remarked that on the final decision in the Northern Securities case rested the future of the packing combine.

Newspaper Plant Partially Burned.

Springfield, Mo., April 14.—The plant of the Daily Leader was partially destroyed by fire, caused by lightning. Linotype machines, perfecting press, electric machinery and other material is damaged to the extent of \$10,000. The Leader will be issued from the plant of the Daily Republican until the damage can be repaired.

Sentenced to Thirty Years.

Butte, Mont., April 14.—George Hoard, alias Joe Kirby, convicted of taking part in the hold-up of the Burlington express near Homestead, was yesterday sentenced to 30 years in the penitentiary. The extreme penalty for the crime is 20 years, but the ten extra were added under the prior conviction act.

Field Secretary of Y. P. S. C. E. Dead.

Boston, April 14.—News was received here of the death of Rev. Clarence Eberman, field secretary of the Christian Endeavor at Hanft, N. W. T. Eberman was on a convention tour accompanied by his wife. Typhoid fever was the cause of his death.

Intention Proceedings Taken.

Kansas City, Kan., April 14.—Injunction proceedings were brought by Mayor Craddock in the district court against Mayor-elect Gilbert and the five republican councilmen-elect to prevent them from attempting to exercise official functions.

A Tornado in Alabama.

Birmingham, Ala., April 14.—A tornado in the vicinity of Blocton yesterday wrecked several houses and did considerable other damage to farming property. The towns of Coleman and Garsney also suffered. No fatalities were reported.

A \$200,000 Elevator Burned.

Chicago, April 14.—A grain elevator owned by the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway company and used by Churchill & Co., grain merchants, burned yesterday. Total loss, \$200,000. The elevator contained nearly 150,000 bushels of grain.

Uncle Sam to Buy Tickets to China.

Washington, April 14.—The government will invest something like \$9,000 in furnishing an excursion for 71 Chinese back to their native land. The outlay is made because of the enforcement of the Chinese exclusion act.

Burned the Bank Building.

Dixie, Ok., April 13.—After attempting to blow open the safe of the State bank, burglars burned the building to conceal the crime. Many valuable bank books and papers were destroyed.

Rock Island Roundhouse Burned.

Herrington, Kan., April 14.—Yesterday evening the storage room of the Rock Island roundhouse caught fire and in an hour's time both building and contents were destroyed.

Thirty-Two Cattle Cremated in a Car.

Enid, Ok., April 14.—Thirty-two head of fire registered Red Polled cattle were burned to cinders in a car on the Rock Island road Sunday.

ELEVEN AMERICANS SHOT.

Fight at Bacolod More Serious Than at First Reported—Battle Lasted Three Days.

Manila, April 12.—The investment of Bacolod, island of Mindanao, which was captured by Capt. Pershing's forces after a fight in which 100 Moros were killed, occupied three days. The final assault was made at noon Wednesday. Desperate fighting took place inside the forts. Seven cannons were captured and 11 Americans (not three as previously cabled) were wounded, a few of them seriously. It is probable that all the Americans will recover.

The assault on Wednesday was carefully prepared. The column carried forward a bamboo bridge on which all the troops crossed the moat under fire and afterwards scaled the walls. The fighting inside the forts was most desperate. Sixty dead Moros were found beside the walls and 40 were killed in the trenches. The whereabouts of the sultan of Bacolod is not known. He is believed to have escaped Monday night.

Maj.-Gen. Davis highly commends Capt. Pershing and his men. He says a previous study of the situation at Bacolod, careful preparation and disposition of troops accounts for the small American losses. Capt. Pershing has moved forward to complete his explorations, his objective point being Marahui, where Gen. Davis has forwarded supplies.

BLIND CHAPLAIN DEAD.

Remarkable Career of Rev. William Henry Milburn, So Long Connected With National Life.

Washington, April 12.—Rev. William Henry Milburn, the venerable blind chaplain of the United States senate, is dead in Santa Barbara, Cal. When he was five years of age a playfellow accidentally struck him in the left eye with a piece of glass. For two years he was confined to a dark room under medical treatment and when he came out one of his eyes was entirely blind and little sight was left in the other. In 1845, when 22 years of age, Dr. Milburn was chosen chaplain to the house of the United States, and again in 1853-1855, and was thus brought into intimate relations with the most eminent public men of the country. In 1885 Dr. Milburn was again chosen chaplain at Washington, and having served through four houses was, in 1893, elected to the chaplaincy of the senate. Few living men have been brought into friendly relations with so many eminent persons at home and abroad as Dr. Milburn. Entering the capitol when Daniel Webster, John C. Calhoun and the men of their generation became his friends, he has been brought into close contact with nearly all their successors, and has seen well nigh four generations of our statesmen and orators pass off the stage.

Praises the Recent Merger Decision.

Richmond, Va., April 13.—The decision of the United States circuit court of appeals in the Northern Securities case Maj. John Skelton Williams, president of the Seaboard Air Line system, says he regards as one of the greatest blessings and the brightest promises for railroad interests and general business that the country could have.

Plan to Boom David B. Francis.

Chicago, April 13.—Reports of a movement to make David B. Francis the western democratic candidate for president were brought to Chicago by a prominent down state leader. The plan, it is said, was to have a gathering of party chief at St. Louis during the dedicatory ceremonies of the world's fair.

The Post Office Investigation.

Washington, April 14.—Postmaster General Payne yesterday evening gave out a statement in which he announced that the investigation of the affairs of the post office department would be continued and that any parties found guilty of wrongdoing will be dealt with summarily.

Missouri Packers Pay \$27,136.

Kansas City, Mo., April 14.—The five Missouri packing companies which were fined \$5,000 each on March 29 for violation of the anti-trust law, have mailed to the state supreme court a draft for \$27,136, in payment of fines and costs incident to the action against them.

Zinc Production in 1902.

Washington, April 14.—The United States geological survey yesterday issued a preliminary statement of zinc production in the United States in 1902, showing a total of 158,804 short tons, against 141,822 in 1902.

Binger Hermann for Congress.

Eugene, Ore., April 11.—Republicans of the First congressional district nominated Binger Hermann, a commissioner of the United States land office, to succeed Thomas H. Tongue, recently deceased.

Senator Gorman's Boom Launched.

Washington, April 13.—The Washington Post launched Senator Arthur Pue Gorman's presidential boom, and at the same time attempted to discourage further efforts to keep the Parker boom afloat.

In Hong Kong 1,500 Were Killed.

Hong Kong, April 12.—An explosion has occurred at the Canton arsenal powder factory. Fifteen hundred persons are reported to have been killed.

Winter Wheat's Superb Condition.

Washington, April 11.—The average condition of winter wheat April 1 was 97.3, against 78.7 on the same date last year.

MINER CARRIED A LANTERN.

Explosion in an Indian Territory Mine Caused Five Deaths and the Injury of Others.

South McAlester, I. T., April 14.—One of the worst mine explosions in the history of the Indian territory coal fields occurred yesterday in shaft No. 77 at Cherryvale. The mine is owned by the Central Coal and Coke company. Floyd Oder, an inspector, had just gone into an entry in which seven men were at work when a terrible explosion resulted, probably caused by his lantern igniting accumulated gas. Five men were killed, namely, Floyd Oder, George Eck, John Kincaid, O. A. Fields and William Millian. Three others were severely burned. Of these John Hill will die.

Left Baby in the Church.

St. Louis, April 11.—Peacefully asleep on a cushioned seat at St. Alfonso's Catholic church, oblivious of the peals of the organ or the voices of the choir, lay a three-day-old baby, deserted by its mother in the protecting sanctuary of the church, with a prayer on her lips that the little one find a home for life far better than she was able to give it. No one had seen the little one brought into the church, and no one saw the mother as she left it to the tender mercies of whoever might find it. She had attended the nine o'clock mass.

She Will Remarry the Prince.

Dresden, April 11.—Louise, crown princess of Saxony, whose elopement with M. Andre Giron, her French tutor, stirred all the royalty of Europe and set the tongues of the world wagging, is to be remarried to the crown prince. Heart-broken, humiliated and despondent in her retreat at Linden, a mother's love has yielded to the entreaties of her royal spouse. To be with her four children she will come back to the royal castle at Salzburg, a woman who has the sympathy of her most intimate friends.

Seattle's Mayor Goes Free.

Seattle, Wash., April 14.—Judge Bell sustained the demurrer to the grand jury indictment against Mayor Thomas J. Humes and discharged the defendant. The demurrer alleges that said indictment shows upon its face that the defendant did not neglect to perform any duty enjoined on him by law and that there is no law in the state imposing any duty upon the mayor in reference to gambling.

Stratton Home to Be Built.

Colorado Springs, Col., April 14.—The executors of the estate of the late W. S. Stratton will shortly incorporate to build the Myron Stratton home for the poor, as provided for in the will of the millionaire. The home will cost \$1,000,000, which will have an endowment of \$5,000,000.

A Heavy Immigration Recorded.

New York, April 11.—The heaviest week that the immigration bureau at Ellis island has ever had in April and the record ten days for the first part of April ended Friday with the landing and shipping to other places of 38,076 immigrants since April 1. A large majority of them go at once to the west and northwest.

Church Congregation Started.

Clinton, Ia., April 14.—While temporarily deranged Frank Hush, of Erie, Ill., ten miles east of here, shot and killed his wife while on the way to church and then returned home and killed himself. Their little daughter started the congregation by running into church and telling of the tragedy.

To Pipe Gas to Mineral Towns.

Joplin, Mo., April 14.—The Joplin city council granted a gas franchise to R. M. Snyder, of Kansas City, to pipe natural gas from the eastern Kansas gas fields into this city. The distance is 50 miles. Webb City, Carthage, Galena and Columbus are also to be furnished with gas.

Hutchinson to Be a Terminus.

Hutchinson, Kan., April 14.—The Rock Island Railroad company, it is reported on good authority, has leased from the Santa Fe railroad the use of the Hutchinson & Southern from Anthony, Kan., to Hutchinson and will make this place the terminus of the "Choctaw" railroad.

Man and Horse Carried to Death.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 14.—Another disastrous storm swept Indiana yesterday. At Bloomfield Greenville Tally was carried away with his horse and buggy on account of the sudden rise of R-hland creek.

Because He Cowarded a Preacher.

Richmond, Va., April 11.—The house of delegates voted to remove from the bench Judge Clarence J. Campbell, who cowarded Rev. Dr. Crawford, of the State Anti-Saloon league. The division was 63 to 3.

Largest in the Southwest.

Parsons, Kan., April 14.—Work on the M. K. & T. railroad's \$2,000,000 shops here will begin at once. General Manager Allen says they will be the largest railroad yards in the state, if not in the southwest.

Steamship Trust Has \$10,000,000 Capital.

Columbus, O., April 12.—The J. C. Gilchrist Transportation company, the so-called steamship trust, has increased its capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

A Sixth Bank for Lawton, Ok.

Lawton, Ok., April 12.—The Merchants and Planters' bank will open here May 10 with a capital stock of \$25,000. This is the sixth bank in Lawton.

At Knightstown, Ind., the liver barn of J. T. Gilroy & Son was burned, including 33 horses.

TWO GRAND JURIES.

In St. Louis and Jefferson City Boodle Is Being Aired.

Several Legislators Examined Regarding Alibi Bill Votes and One Senator Confessed to Having Received \$1,000 Bill.

St. Louis, April 12.—Senator Frank Farris, of Steelville, told the grand jury that he had changed a \$1,000 bill, secured in Jefferson City, at Parle's saloon, on Walnut street between Broadway and Sixth street, Tuesday afternoon, March 24, the day after the general assembly adjourned. For over two hours the Crawford county statesman was asked to turn state's evidence, but he refused to do so.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 14.—The Cole county grand jury resumed its investigation late yesterday into the charges of bootlegging in the legislature. Attorney General Crow and Prosecuting Attorney R. P. Stone were present as prosecuting officers. When the grand jury convened Judge Hazell gave strict instructions against allowing any information to reach the public either from the members of the body, the attorney general or the prosecuting attorney.

The grand jury assembled at two o'clock and the first witnesses examined were Senator David Nelson, of St. Louis, who voted against the repeal of the "baking powder law," Whitney Layton, a baking powder manufacturer, against whom a fine was assessed for violation of the law and who desired to have the law repealed by the last legislature, and Patterson Bain, a St. Louis baking powder manufacturer.

Lieut. Gov. Lee, who has been summoned to appear and who was expected here yesterday, did not arrive. Senator Farris, who admitted having had a \$1,000 bill changed in St. Louis, is here, but did not appear before the inquisitorial body yesterday.

Former Speaker John Farris, of the house, is here to testify. He is the father of Senator Farris, who admitted having a \$1,000 bill changed, but who would not state how it came in his possession. Altogether there are about 25 senators and representatives here to testify.

Editor I. N. Page, of Bonne Terre, who is cited to appear and tell where he got \$1,000 during the last legislature and who has steadfastly refused to divulge the information, is still confined to his bed at his home by illness.

Col. R. P. Williams, treasurer of the state of Missouri, informed the grand jury yesterday that no \$1,000 bills had been changed or issued to any of the state senators or representatives by him.

THE SHELL WAS DEFECTIVE.

Explanation of the Explosion of the 12-Inch Gun on the Battleship Iowa in the Gulf Near Pensacola.

Pensacola, Fla., April 11.—An investigation of the explosion on the battleship Iowa, which occurred in the gulf near this port, resulting in the death of three seamen and the serious injury of five others, shows that the accident was caused entirely by a defective shell fuse, which it is stated burned faster than was calculated. It is understood that the shell exploded fully 60 seconds before it was timed to go off. An examination of the ship shows that the bursted gun is beyond repairs and that the 12-inch forward turret will have to be repaired. A number of supporters are also sprung, and it is stated that portions of the deck will have to be replaced where pieces of the heavy gun tore through.

Bed of Creek Swept Dry.

Springfield, Ill., April 14.—For a distance of 50 miles or more a cyclone that swept over Logan, Dewitt and Piatt counties caused much destruction. Near Atwood it killed an infant in its mother's arms and fatally injured two men. The wind storm struck the earth three miles east of Lincoln, in Logan county, and for a considerable distance followed along Deer creek, sweeping dry the bed of the stream for more than a mile.

Another Cuban Scandal?

Toledo, O., April 12.—Congressman J. H. Southard, of this city, has started an investigation which may bring to light a scandal among United States officials at Havana, Cuba. The charge is that exorbitant charges are being made for the disinterment and shipment of the bodies of dead soldiers from Cuba, when it should be done free of cost, according to Mr. Southard.

Non-Partisan Tribute to Jefferson.

Washington, April 14.—William J. Bryan, Senator Hoar and former Postmaster General Emory Smith, of Philadelphia, were the principal speakers at a dinner given at the Hotel Barton last night under the auspices of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial association, in celebration of the 160th anniversary of the birth of the author of the declaration of independence.

Missouri Editor Succeeds Nast.

Washington, April 12.—The state department has announced the appointment of Herman R. Dietrich, of Utica, Mo., as consul general at Guayaquil, Ecuador, to succeed Thomas H. Nast, the cartoonist who died of yellow fever while serving at that post. Mr. Dietrich is the editor of the Herald, a newspaper published at Utica.

Brig.-Gen. Frank D. Baldwin took charge of the Department of Colorado Monday, succeeding Gen. Fredrick Funston.

HILL EXPECTS TO WIN.

President of Northern Securities Company Thinks Supreme Court Will Uphold Big Merger.

New York, April 14.—President James J. Hill, of the Northern Securities company, said yesterday: "We will have our appeal papers ready in a day or two. We expect to win. But even though the United States supreme court should compel the Northern Securities company to give back the stock to the great Northern and the Northern Pacific companies, the control would still be the same."

A Railroad Deal to Lapoe.

New York, April 14.—As a first result of the Northern Securities decision in derailing smoothly running railroad "deals," the purchase of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad by the Rock Island, according to semi-official admissions yesterday by leading interests in both properties, will be allowed to lapse.

One Arkansas Town Wiped Out.

Newport, Ark., April 11.—During the terrible tornado of last Tuesday night a family of three pearl fishers named Tapp, who lived in a shanty boat on White river, were drowned. Belated reports from Van Buren county and from the village of Pearson, Clairborne county, show that the damage done by the tornado had been under-estimated. Pearson was almost wiped out of existence.

To Merge Book Concerns.

Chicago, April 14.—Methodists throughout the land will have put before them for consideration and discussion to-morrow the plan to merge into one corporate institution the two great publishing houses of the church—the Methodist Book Concern, in New York city, and the Western Methodist Book Concern, of Cincinnati and Chicago.

"Utopian" Association Outlawed.

Topeka, Kan., April 13.—The Kansas Utopian association is an illegal organization, says the supreme court, in a decision handed down in an appeal case of a lodge-keeper from Brown county. "Stripped of its subterfuge and pretense it is simply a whisky saloon," says the court. This closes over 200 lodges with 65,000 members.

Germs Deadly After 39 Years.

Scipio, Ind., April 11.—Thirty-nine years ago the father of Miss Minnie Peterson died of smallpox. Miss Peterson died of smallpox here yesterday, having taken the disease just two weeks after she opened a trunk containing her father's clothes for the first time since his death.

To Operate the Cable Line.

San Francisco, April 12.—On the steamer Alameda, 17 employees of the Commercial Pacific Cable company have gone to Honolulu with 350 tons of freight and provisions. These men include three chief operators for Midway, four for Guam and a number of carpenters and electricians.

Harrison's Friends Optimistic.

Chicago, April 11.—The friends and advisers of Carter Harrison expect to create a lasting presidential boom based upon his four terms as mayor, his municipal ownership record and advocacy of national ownership of public utilities as a national issue.

Right to Separate the Races.

Topeka, Kan., April 13.—The supreme court has decided that the Topeka board of education can maintain separate schools for white and negro children and can compel the negro children to attend the negro school.

A Growsome Find on the Reina Christina.

Manila, April 14.—The warship Reina Christina, flagship of Admiral Montojo, which was sunk by Admiral Dewey, was floated and beached Sunday. The skeletons of about 80 of her crew were found in the hull.

He Considers Cigarettes Harmless.

Trenton, N. J., April 11.—Gov. Murphy has vetoed the anti-cigarette bill. He said he believed cigarettes do not injure boys under 16 years of age and that the law cannot be enforced.

Grinstead's Assailant Convicted.

Watsons, Kan., April 14.—Frank Warner, the negro who attacked Pool Grinstead, the editor of the Watsons Times, a few weeks ago, has been convicted of assault with intent to kill.

She Bought a Count.

Berlin, April 11.—The engagement is announced of Mrs. Lelia Perley, of Alton, Ill., to Count Otto von Koenigs-marek, a first lieutenant in the Nineteenth artillery regiment.

Turf, Field and Farm to Quit.

New York, April 11.—The Turf, Field and Farm, the oldest newspaper of its class in existence, having been published over 40 years, will discontinue to-day.

Nebraska Beat Kansas in Debate.

Lawrence, Kan., April 11.—The Nebraska representatives won the annual debate with representatives of the University of Kansas last night.

Cool Weather for Roosevelt.

Cinnabar, Mont., April 14.—Monday Secretary Loeb received no word from the president. The weather in the park is clear and cool.

Another Vrooman Store Closed.

Herrington, Kan., April 13.—The co-operative store started here last summer under the Vrooman auspices has ceased business.

Discouraged after three years' effort to work his way through the Northwestern Medical school, S. B. Boury, of Halstead, Kan., attempted to end his life by jumping into the lake at Chicago, but he was rescued.

HE IS OUT TEN DOLLARS.

Kansas Man Answered Advertisement of a Woman Who Wanted "a Kind and Loving Husband."

Joplin, Mo., April 12.—W. C. Hulbert, a Kansas farmer, is in Joplin; the victim of a cruel Kansas City matrimonial bureau. Hulbert had answered an advertisement of a woman in Kansas City who claimed to be an actress and worth \$1,000,000, as soon as she became of age. She wanted a kind and loving husband. The woman gave her name as Bessie Raymond, and consented to meet Hulbert in Joplin providing he would send her \$10 to pay her expenses. Hulbert sent her the money and kept his appointment. He arrived in Joplin last night, but the young woman has not shown up.

White Man Sold into Slavery.

Jackson, Ky., April 12.—Bruce Marsum, a white man and the son of a well-known republican leader, on conviction of vagrancy, was sold into servitude for a period of six months. So worthless is he considered that the highest bidder was willing to give but \$6.50. At one time he was possessed of considerable property, but he squandered it.

Committed Suicide on Horseback.

Guthrie, Ok., April 14.—It is announced from Pawhuska that Charles Brownwell, a prominent farmer, while brooding over financial losses, committed suicide in a peculiar manner. Mounting a horse, he tied a rope to a rafter, the other end around his neck and then started the horse.

Buying Horses for Ex-Gov. Francis.

Mexico, Mo., April 13.—Thomas Francis, brother of the president of the St. Louis world's fair, was here buying fine horses to be used in St. Louis at the dedication April 30. He bought one span for \$1,000 to be used when President Roosevelt is the guest of President Francis.

Left Many Descendants.

Minneapolis, Minn., April 14.—Mrs. Mary Roll died yesterday, aged 102 years. She is survived by three daughters, 48 grandchildren and 99 great-grandchildren. She enjoyed the distinction of being the first white woman born in Dayton, O.

Captain's Two Children Drowned.

Galveston, Tex., April 14.—The Southern Pacific steamer El Rio ran down and sunk the schooner Margaret L. Ward, 25 miles east of Galveston bar. Two children of Capt. McKown, of the schooner, and one man was lost.

Grandmother Suicided on Easter Day.

Springfield, Ill., April 14.—Mrs. Margaret Kessler Leber, one of the most prominent German women of the city, committed suicide Sunday by hanging. She was 81 years old. Her children and grandchildren were at church.

Card Game Caused Four Killings.

Athens, O., April 11.—In a fight last night at Jacksonville, 12 miles north of Athens, four people were fatally shot and one dangerously wounded. The fight occurred in a saloon and was the result of a game of cards.

Two Churches in Kansas City Burned.